

WARM AIR 30 Sept 17

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing: Rex Carswell

Towing: Fletcher McKenzie

Duty Pilot: Rahul Bagchi

Sunday

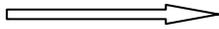
Instructing: Steve Wallace

Towing: Derry Belcher

Duty Pilot Kris Pillai

**SUNDAY - WE HAVE AIR SCOUTS - EARLY START AND HELPERS PLEASE
MEMBERS NEWS**

SATURDAY

We were not able to fly due to the fuel crisis. Undaunted we organised a bit of a working bee. Remember this picture? 

To refresh aging memories, (most of my audience) folks were at the eastern end of the hangar tucking Gliders to bed when there was a loud crash from the other end. They rushed down to find the door jammed in the opening and somewhat bent.

Our task was to unjam the door and straighten it out so it could be opened and closed.....and secured. Sounds easy Huh? Not when there are twenty chiefs, (and we don't mean that useless rugby mob down the Waikato way, go the Crusaders and 'Canes), and one worker.

Derry Belcher, a past master at ignoring "good" and "helpful" advice took the nominal lead. Undaunted by such meaningless technicalities, the rest of us proceeded to take over the project.....or so we thought.



A babble of suggestions and helpful/unhelpful actions plus the vulgar application of brute force and ignorance got the door ajar far enough to knock out the hinge pins. This allowed enough movement to unjam the door and we laid it on the ground. It was a bit bent and needed quite a bit of straightening.

Not folks to miss an opportunity like this, the Chiefs among the audience proceeded to provide excellent advice and instruction on how to fix the door.....all at once. Eventually one of the chiefs louder than the rest commanded attention and silence.....for a wee moment. But long enough to get a modicum of organisation

and discipline.

Some stout lumps of wood under the door in strategic places and the application of some hefty weight on the bent bit by a group of Morris Dancers bore some fruit. The door was not quite so bent. Still not straight enough. About this point Mr Health and Safety, Ian O'Keefe rocked up all dolled up in his "I don't plan to do any actual work" PPE of ear defenders, gloves, safety glasses and a hat. He did look a bit horrified at the Morris Dancers but so did the rest of us.

Joseph Dickson managed to get a word in edgeways to make the most sensible



suggestion that some stout baulks of timber and some G Clamps to apply some force in exactly the right spot might work. And it did. Gradually Derry and Joseph, aided (yes really) by various helpers and a couple of large hammers got most of the bent bits out. Time to summon the layabout audience to pick up the door and remount onto its hinges. The hinge pins went in, (no, noone was standing on the top rung of the ladder). The door still exhibits a bit of twist but it opens and closes and

locks. We gathered up our tools, locked up the hangar and went home to accumulate some brownie points.



Many thanks to the large group of club members who came and helped and to Roy Whitby for the baking.



TITIRANGI AIR SCOUTS SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER

We are hosting the Titirangi Air Scouts on Sunday 1 Oct. It will be an early start please 0900 and we expect 13 Air Scouts. Can we have some helpers please and start flying at 0930.

UPCOMING DATES

26 September Online Competition starts for new year (OLC)

1 October Titirangi Air Scouts flying with us, early start 0900

7 October - ASC Start of Season briefing - everyone required to attend

17 October - ASC Annual General Meeting. Notice is given of the Annual General Meeting of the RNZAF Base Auckland Aviation Sports Club Gliding Section to be held on

Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 1900. The venue is likely to be the Walker Lounge. Notices of Motion are sought to the Secretary Ivor Woodfield not later than 10 October - Nominations are also sought for the committee.

21st to 23rd October (Labour Weekend) ASC at Matamata and also Taupo 50th anniversary

6th to 11th November Central Plateau Competition—Taupo <http://www.taupoglidingclub.co.nz/central-plateau-contest-2017.html>

25th November to 2nd December Northern Regional Competition - Matamata
<http://msc.gliding.co.nz/events/msc-northern-regionals-matamata/>

26th December to 5th January Christmas Camp - Matamata

1st to 5th January MSC Cross Country Course <http://msc.gliding.co.nz/events/xcountry-course-jan-2018/>

The Cross Country Course is a great way to get into X country. You get to fly alternate days Dual with experienced instructors and solo with great lessons and a certain chance to get your confidence up. Well worth doing and highly recommended.

5th to 13th January Club Class Nationals and Audi Enterprise Competition - Drury
<http://msc.gliding.co.nz/events/club-class-champs-audi-enterprise-contest-2018-drury/>

17th to 24th February Central Districts Competition at Waipukurau

MATAMATA - LABOUR WEEKEND -- 22 - 24 OCTOBER

As is our custom the club will deploy to Matamata for Labour Weekend 22 to 24 October. Naturally there are a few minor details that need some pre arranging, stuff like getting yourselves and the gliders there and back, where are you going to sleep and how to prevent starving to death in three days. There is also some gliding to be done, (with luck the ridge will be working at least one day, one will be a great thermal day and the other a wave day), *good luck with that wishful thinking although we often get two out of three.* The social promises to be pretty good too.

So let's start with important stuff, where are you going to sleep. There are a range of handy motels and hotels in Matamata and Morrinsville that are not too expensive. The most cost effective is to remember Matamata Airfield has a camping ground within the fenceline, good kitchen and ablution facilities, good cabins and plenty of space for a tent, caravan or camper. The layout of the cabins is on the Matamata Soaring Centre web site <http://msc.gliding.co.nz/accommodation/> and bookings are done by emailing Ralph Gore Gore.Family@extra.co.nz Camp kitchens mean taking your own food for some or all meals and/or eating out for some or all. Genny Healey (Piako Co-Club Captain) has written recommending the Eldonwood Bed and Breakfast <http://eldonwoodbedandbreakfast.co.nz/>

Genny tells me there will be a Dinner in the Matamata club rooms on Saturday Night \$25 per head and children up to age 12 at a rate of \$1 per year of age. Sunday is a dress up day for the ladies and high tea at the Tea Plantation.

The club and private gliders need to get down and back. The owners usually tow down their own but we will need three (or six) volunteers to road tow down MP and VF as well as MW empty trailer. MW will be aerotowed down (Rahul) and back (Izzy). Those without transport can usually cadge a ride with someone who is driving down.

Please give all this thought and talk to Ray Burns on how you can help.

SOUTH ISLAND REGIONAL GLIDER RACES - OMARAMA 18 TO 25 November 2017

Below is an invitation to participate in the 2017 South Island Regional Glider Races. It's an A4 poster so, if appropriate, please print it and post it in your club rooms.

This year there will be a special emphasis on introducing new contestants to glider racing. Tasks in the "Racing" class will be set to suit less experienced pilots. First-time participants will be encouraged to fly in high performance two seaters together with an experienced instructor. A coaching programme will also be run with pre and post task briefings.

An extensive social program of non flying activities is planned to ensure the competition is enjoyable for families, crew and pilots.

The contest is organised this year by the Omarama Gliding Club.

Entry forms and more details from the GNZ website <http://gliding.co.nz/event/south-island-regionals-2017/>

Facebook site <http://www.facebook.com/events/1602073429843302/>

or clivegeddes@xtra.co.nz



The South Island Regional Glider Races Omarama 2017
18 to 25 November

"Encouraging first-timers to become champions"

- Open Class (handicapped) for the real experts
- Racing Class (handicapped) for not so experts
- Two seat and single seat coaching
- Social schedule for pilots, crew and families
- Cook Strait Ferry subsidies
- Youth Glide Scholarships
- Aussie's welcome!

Omarama Gliding Club, CD:Clive Geddes, Tasks:Gavin Wills
Details: Facebook, GNZ website or clivegeddes@xtra.co.nz

Duty Roster For Oct, Nov, Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Sep	30	R BAGCHI	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	
Oct	1	K PILLAI	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	Titirangi Air Scouts
	7	P SCARBOROUGH	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	Start of Season Briefing
	8	J POTE	I WOODFIELD	J WAGNER	
	14	T PRENTICE	P THORPE	G LAKE	
	15	R WHITBY	L PAGE	C ROOK	
Labour W/E	21	T THOMPSON	S WALLACE	P THORPE	Matamata
	22	G PATTEN	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	Matamata
	23	N GRAVES	L PAGE	P THORPE	Matamata
	28	K BHASHYAM	R CARSWELL	J WAGNER	
	29	R STRUYCK	R BURNS	G LAKE	
Nov	4	S FOREMAN	L PAGE	J WAGNER	Titirangi Air Scouts Rain Day
	5	G LEYLAND	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	Titirangi Air Scouts Rain Day
	11	V BRIJACEK	P THORPE	C ROOK	
	12	C DICKSON	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	
	18	B MOORE	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	19	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	P THORPE	
	25	M MORAN	I WOODFIELD	C ROOK	
	26	T O'ROURKE	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	
Dec	2	R BAGCHI	P THORPE	G LAKE	
	3	K PILLAI	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	9	P SCARBOROUGH	L PAGE	J WAGNER	
	10	J POTE	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	16	T PRENTICE	R CARSWELL	C ROOK	
	17	R WHITBY	S WALLACE	F MCKENZIE	